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The amendment filed on May 5, 2005 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because newly added claims 46-48 are drawn to a method employing active methodological steps which are distinct from the active methodological steps employed by the previously examined elected invention. The method of newly added claims 46-48 comprises adding a hydrophobized amylopectin starch to a starch solution wherein the amylopectin starch is a root or tuber starch, or derivative thereof, comprising at least 95 wt% of amylopectin based on dry substance of the starch. Adding a hydrophobized amylopectin starch to a starch solution is the only recited active methodological step, while the elected invention is drawn to a process for increasing the associative behavior of a starch comprising attaching a hydrophobic substituent to the starch by esterification or etherification wherein the starch is a root or tuber starch, or derivative thereof wherein said starch is from a plant that has been genetically modified to have reduced amylose content, comprising at least 95% amylopectin based on the dry substance of the starch and wherein the reaction utilizes a hydrophobic reagent comprising an alkyl having 7-24 carbon atoms.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.


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